



# LOCK-UP LEVY

## REASONS TO CONSIDER

### PRISONER LOCK-UP/DEPUTY MILL LEVY

(Levy in Effect for 7 Years Only)

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## PRIMARY ELECTION - STILLWATER COUNTY

Public Safety is the primary responsibility of Stillwater County  
Public Safety Fund tax/non-tax revenue has not kept up with expenditure needs  
Lock-up cost with Yellowstone County still much more cost effective than constructing/staffing a new jail in Stillwater County  
Prisoner lock-up costs have increased because of increased prisoner-days  
Prisoner lock-up bills must be paid first (compete with and take away from other critical public safety needs)  
County-wide population has increased  
Subdivision development has increased  
Illegal drug use has increased  
Domestic violence has increased  
Vagrancy has increased  
Total calls for service have increased  
More service calls require arrest  
More officer time transporting criminals to jail in Billings  
More officer time transporting mentally disturbed to evaluation sites  
Fuel costs have soared  
Court system criminal caseload has increased  
Same number of deputies now (6) as in 1982, resulting in:  
    Service calls being delayed  
    Delays in serving criminal and civil papers  
    Lower priority service calls going unanswered  
    Service calls being made without adequate officer backup  
    Increased stress, fatigue and turnover of officers and dispatchers  
    Increased training costs for replacement officers  
    Officer unavailability for drug investigation, traffic control, and crowd control